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**EVENT: Indictment**

**Defendant: Roger Junior Sweet**

**BROWNSTOWN TOWNSHIP MAN INDICTED  
ON CHILD EXPLOITATION CHARGES**

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Former Brownstown Township resident Roger Junior Sweet,<sup>1</sup> 58, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Detroit on charges of Sexual Exploitation of Children, Attempted Receipt of Child Pornography, and Possession of Child Pornography, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Murphy was joined in the announcement by Andrew G. Arena, FBI Special Agent in Charge.

The six-count indictment charges that on four separate occasions between July 2004 and June 2005, Sweet produced visual depictions of child pornography by using, persuading, inducing, enticing, and coercing a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct. The indictment further alleges that in October 2005 Sweet attempted to receive child pornography. The charges also include that in January 2007, Sweet possessed more than 600 images of child

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<sup>1</sup> Sweet is currently in custody facing charges of murder levied against him by the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office and rape by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

pornography.

United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy said, "Today's charges, involving the production of child pornography through sexually abusing a minor, are quite serious. The conduct allegedly included both production and possession of a large quantity of illicit images of child pornography."

If convicted on the production of child pornography charges, Sweet faces fifteen to thirty years in custody on each count. Sweet also faces between five and twenty years on the attempted receipt of child pornography charge, and up to ten years in custody on the possession of child pornography charge. Any sentence will be imposed considering the United States Sentencing Guidelines, based on the nature of the charges and the criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case was investigated by the FBI and the Brownstown Township Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys John N. O'Brien II and Kevin M. Mulcahy.